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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

"CABOCHE, Jean-Jacques et al"

Serial No. : not yet assigned
(PCT/FR00/01109)

Filed : concurrently herewith

Assigned to : ROQUETTE FRERES

FOR : SOLUBLE BRANCHED POLYMERS OF GLUCOSE AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCTION THEREOF.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application text as follows :

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 9 and substitute therefor new
claims 10 to 18 as follows :

10. Soluble branched polymers of glucose containing
essentially no β -glucosidic bonds, having:

- between 2.5 and 10% of α -1,6 glucosidic bonds,
- a very low or zero tendency to retrograde in aqueous
solution, determined according to a test A,
- a Mw determined according to a test C at a median value
of the molecular weight distribution profile lying between
 10^4 and 10^8 daltons, and
- a reducing sugar content of at most 9%.